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NOTIFICATIONS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF PANCHAYAT RAJ

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STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

REGISTRATION OF POLITICAL PARTY “YSR PRAJA PARTY”.

Order No. 1380/SEC-L/2010 :— Sri S. Venkata Ramana Reddy, President of the Proposed “YSR Praja Party” has applied for registration of his political Party under the Registration of Political parties and Allotment of Symbols Order, 2001 of the State Election Commission (hereinafter referred to as Symbols Order) on 15-9-2010.

2. The State Election Commission examined the application and having satisfied that the application is in accordance with the conditions stipulated in the symbol order, 2001, set in motion the process of registration and a public notice was issued on 20-9-2010 by the State Election Commission, A.P. calling for objections and suggestions from the general public for registration of the said political party and the notice was published in the ‘Eenadu’ daily news paper on 24.9.2010 and also in the extraordinary issue of A.P. Gazette No. 76, dated 24.9.2010.

3. The State Election Commission received objections from :

1. Sri Y. Giri Babu Yadav
2. Sri Nallamopu Srinivasa Reddy
3. Sri A. Srinivas Yadav (Representative of YSR Congress Party)
4. Sri Rama Krishna
5. Sri V. Praveen Yadav
6. Sri M. Prashant Kumar

7. Sri C. Nageswara Rao
8. Sri B.T. Venkatesh
9. Sri Chikka Narasimha
10. Sri M. Ramesh
11. Sri S. Shiva Kumar
12. Sri P. Narayana
13. Sri A.K. Srikanth Rao
14. Sri S. Janaki Ramudu

4. In the above context, State Election Commission gave notice to the applicant and the objectors for hearing to be held on 04-12-2010 at 11.15 A.M. at the office of the State Election Commission. The notice given to Sri M. Prashant Kumar was returned stated to be due to incomplete address by the postal department.

5. The State Election Commissioner heard the President of the proposed “Y.S.R. Praja Party” as well as the objectors: i.e., Sri A. Srinivas Yadav (Representative of YSR Congress Party), Sri Rama Krishna, Sri V. Praveen Yadav, Sri M. Prashant Kumar, Sri C. Nageswara Rao, Sri B.T. Venkatesh, Sri Chikka Narasimha, Sri Mogudala. Ramesh, Sri S. Shiva Kumar, Sri T. Balraju, Sri S. Janaki Ramudu have attended the personal hearing and also Sri Giri Babu Yadav, Sri Nallamopu Srinivas, Sri A.K. Srikanth Rao though submitted their objections have not attended the personal hearing on 4-12-2010 at 11.15 A.M.

6. As seen from the objections raised in various petitions, the main focus is on the prefix “Y.S.R.” to the name of YSR Praja Party which is contended to be identical with the name of YSR Congress party which is already registered and such identical names would confuse the voters.

7. After hearing the parties and perusing the written objections raised by them and also going through the names of various political parties recognized or registered by the Election Commission of India and the State Election Commission, Andhra Pradesh it is found that political parties with identical prefixes in names are innumerable in number with only minor changes in the suffixes. further, there are many political parties with the name of a national leader as prefix, which are registered with Election Commission of India i.e., Ambedkar peoples Movement, Ambedkar Pragatisheel Republican Dal, Ambedkar Samaj Party, Ambedkarbadi Party, Ambedkarist Republican Party; Also, there are political parties which have abbreviated name of an individual in the middle are: all Kerala M.G.R. Dravida Munnetra Party, Anaithindhia MGR Katchi; Further there are political parties with the title of national leaders as prefixes like: Netaji Congress Sena, Netaji Subhash Chander Bose Rashtriya Azad Party, Netaji Subhash Party. Furthermore, there are parties with common abbreviated name as prefix of a person like : MGR Thonderkal Katchi, MGR Kazhagam, MGR Mannetra Kazhagam etc. The parties even though have a part of their names identical will have different symbols, different flags, different ideology and election manifestoes. Therefore, the identity crisis which is projected as a serious objection whittles down and cannot be countenanced.

8. So far as the present case is concerned, ‘YSR Congress Party’ is a registered party and the present application for registration is for ‘YSR Praja Party’. Though both the parties have a common prefix abbreviation yet their suffixes are different and connote different ideologies. Therefore, the similarity which is made a ground for objection by the objectors is not tenable the State Election Commission.

9. The State Election Commission is also not satisfied with the line of thinking that the abbreviation YSR is being misused because more number of political parties with the prefix or suffix of the names were already registered with Election Commission of India and also with Andhra Pradesh State Election Commission, AP and found their objections are irrelevant.

10. The State Election Commission is therefore, of the view that the main thrust of the objection for the using of the abbreviation 'YSR' to the newly proposed 'YSR Praja Party' will not in any way create confusion in the minds of the voters nor does it affect the present 'YSR Congress Party' in any way particularly in respect of its separate identity.

11. The State Election Commission, therefore, sees no force in the objections raised by those who are opposed to the registration of the YSR Praja Party. It is, therefore, decided to reject those objections and register the 'YSR Praja Party' under the Symbols Order, 2001.

12. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Article 243K read with article 243ZA of the Constitution of India and Paragraph 3 of the Registration of Political Parties and Allotment of Symbols Order, 2001, the State Election Commission, hereby, registers the **"YSR Praja Party"** as a political party without a reserved symbol, subject to the following condition;

" that the registration shall not entitle the party for reservation of any exclusive symbol for it. However, the candidates duly setup by this party in local body elections (held on party basis) will be entitled to preferential treatment over independent candidates in allotment of free symbols under paragraph 5A(a) of the Registration of Political Parties and Allotment of Symbols Order, 2001" and the party shall also open bank account within 7 days from the date of receipt of the order as required under para 4 (a) (viii) of Symbol Order and furnish the details thereof to the State Election Commission".

Under paragraph 3(9)(a) of the said Order, the party shall communicate to the Commission, without delay, any change in its name, head office, office-bearers, address or in any other material information.

Secunderabad,
18-12-2010.

Dr. G . M. RAMESH KUMAR,
Secretary (FAC).

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